

FOURTH ASHTAKA—EIGHTH ADHYIYA.
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13. She who is distinguished amongst
them¹ as
eminent in greatness and in her glories;
she who is
the most impetuous of all other streams;
she who has
been created vast in capacity as a chariot,²
she, SARA-
SWAT!, is to be glorified by the discreet
(worshipper).

14. Guide us, SARASWAT!, to precious
wealth; re-
duce us not to insignificance;³ overwhelm
us not with
(excess of) water; be pleased by our
friendly (ser-
vices) and access to our habitations, and
let us not
repair to places unacceptable to thee.

¹ *Asu*, amongst them, divinities, or rivers,
*devatdndm nodi-
iidm madhye*.

² *Ratha iva brihati vilhwane kritd*: made great
in vastness,
like a chariot created by *Prajapati*, so created,
vibhwane,
mbhutu'dya, for greatness or vastness.

³ *Md apa spkarih: sphara*, it is said, means
increase, great-
ness, prosperity; with the prefix, it implies the
reverse, *flpra-
vridhdn md Mrshik*, do not make us
unimportant or abject.